

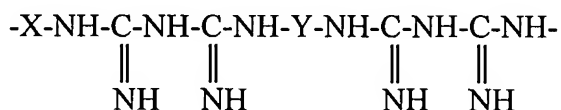
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A composition comprising:

- a) a material, said material comprising a surface;
- b) an anionic surfactant on said surface; and
- c) a polymeric biguanide noncovalently bonded to said anionic surfactant.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 1, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a recurring unit of the following formula, or a salt thereof:



wherein X and Y are bridging groups that may be the same or different, such that the number of N to N carbon atoms within X plus the number of N to N carbon atoms within Y is in the range 9 to 17, where the number of N to N carbon atoms within a bridging group is the number of backbone carbon atoms that, in that group, separate the N atoms adjacent to that group.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): A composition of Claim 2 wherein the polymeric biguanide is polyhexamethylene biguanide (PHMB).

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide is in the range 5 to 50 mg per square meter of the surface.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 4 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide is in the range 8 to 19 mg per square meter of the surface.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the polymeric biguanide is limited to a zone of said surface.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 6 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide in the zone is in the range 5 to 50 mg per square meter of the zone.

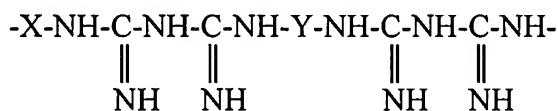
Claim 8 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 7 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide in the zone is in the range 8 to 19 mg per square meter of the zone.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is produced by a process comprising the steps of:

- (1) pre-treating the surface of the composition with the anionic surfactant, and then
- (2) applying the polymeric biguanide to the surface.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 9 wherein the polymeric biguanide is applied to the surface using a kiss-on or brush roller.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 10, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a recurring unit of the following formula, or a salt thereof:



wherein X and Y are bridging groups that may be the same or different, such that the number of N to N carbon atoms within X plus the number of N to N carbon atoms within Y is in the range 9 to 17, where the number of N to N carbon atoms within a bridging group is the number of backbone carbon atoms that, in that group, separate the N atoms adjacent to that group.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A composition of Claim 11 wherein the polymeric biguanide is PHMB.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 9 wherein the polymeric biguanide is applied to the surface using a spray or foam comprising the polymeric biguanide.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the material is a liquid-pervious nonwoven web.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 14 wherein the web has a weight in the range 10 to 30 gram per square meter.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the material is a liquid-pervious apertured film.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 16 wherein the material has a weight in the range 15 to 40 grams per square meter.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the material comprises fibers.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 18 wherein the fibers are selected from the group consisting of staple fibers and continuous fibers.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 18 wherein the fibers are part of a carded web.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 18 wherein the fibers have been spunbond, thermally bonded, ultrasonically bonded, adhesively bonded, or combined by hydroentangling.

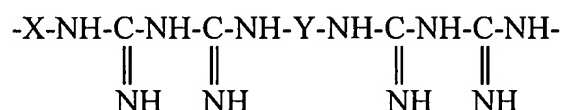
Claim 22 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 18 wherein the anionic surfactant was added as a melt additive to the fibers.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is a topsheet for use in an absorbent article.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 23 wherein the absorbent article is selected from the group consisting of a disposable diaper, a disposable incontinence pad and a disposable feminine hygiene pad.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): A composition comprising: a) a material, said material comprising an anionic surface; and b) a polymeric biguanide noncovalently bonded to said anionic surface.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 25, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a recurring unit of the following formula, or a salt thereof:



wherein X and Y are bridging groups that may be the same or different, such that the number of N to N carbon atoms within X plus the number of N to N carbon atoms within Y is in the range 9 to 17, where the number of N to N carbon atoms within a bridging group is the number of backbone carbon atoms that, in that group, separate the N atoms adjacent to that group.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): A composition of Claim 26 wherein the polymeric biguanide is PHMB.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the concentration of the

polymeric biguanide is in the range 5 to 50 mg per square meter of the surface.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 28 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide is in the range 8 to 19 mg per square meter of the surface.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the polymeric biguanide is limited to a zone of said surface.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 30 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide in the zone is in the range 5 to 50 mg per square meter of the zone.

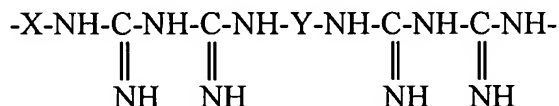
Claim 32 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 31 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide in the zone is in the range 8 to 19 mg per square meter of the zone.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 25, wherein said composition is produced by a process comprising the steps of:

- (1) pre-treating the surface of the composition with the anionic surfactant, and then
- (2) applying the polymeric biguanide to the surface.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 33 wherein the polymeric biguanide is applied to the surface using a kiss-on or brush roller.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 34, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a recurring unit of the following formula, or a salt thereof:



wherein X and Y are bridging groups that may be the same or different, such that the number of N to N carbon atoms within X plus the number of N to N carbon atoms within Y is in the range 9 to 17, where the number of N to N carbon atoms within a bridging group is the number of backbone carbon atoms that, in that group, separate the N atoms adjacent to that group.

Claim 36 (withdrawn): A composition of Claim 35 wherein the polymeric biguanide is PHMB.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 33 wherein the polymeric biguanide is applied using a spray or foam comprising the polymeric biguanide.

Claim 38 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the material is a liquid-pervious nonwoven web.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 38 wherein the web has a weight in the range 10 to 30 gram per square.

Claim 40 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the material is a liquid-pervious apertured film.

Claim 41 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 40 wherein the material has a weight in the range 15 to 40 grams per square meter.

Claim 42 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the material comprises fibers.

Claim 43 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 42 wherein the fibers are selected from the group consisting of staple fibers and continuous fibers.

Claim 44 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 42 wherein the fibers are part of a

carded web.

Claim 45 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 42 wherein the fibers have been spunbond, thermally bonded, ultrasonically bonded, adhesively bonded, or bonded by hydroentangling.

Claim 46 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the composition is a topsheet for use in an absorbent article.

Claim 47 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 46 wherein the absorbent article is selected from the group consisting of a disposable diaper, a disposable incontinence pad and a disposable feminine hygiene pad.

Claim 48 (currently amended): ~~The~~ An absorbent article comprising of Claim 56,
~~wherein the absorbent article comprises a topsheet comprising the composition~~
a) an anionic surfactant on the surface of the topsheet; and
b) a polymeric biguanide noncovalently bonded to said anionic surfactant.

Claim 49 (original): An absorbent article of Claim 48, said article selected from the group consisting of a disposable diaper, a disposable incontinence pad and a disposable feminine hygiene pad.

Claim 50 (canceled)

Claim 51 (canceled)

Claim 52 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~Claim 56~~ Claim 48, said article comprising a topsheet, an intermediate layer, an absorbent layer, and a backsheet, wherein

- (a) the intermediate layer is next to the topsheet,
- (b) a topside surface of the intermediate layer is in contact with the topsheet,

(c) the intermediate layer consists of the composition, and
(d) the topside surface comprises the anionic surfactant and the polymeric biguanide.

Claim 53 (original): An absorbent article of claim 52, said article selected from the group consisting of a disposable diaper, a disposable incontinence pad and a disposable feminine hygiene pad.

Claim 54 (canceled)

Claim 55 (canceled)

Claim 56 (withdrawn): An absorbent article comprising the composition of Claim 1.

Claim 57 (withdrawn): An absorbent article comprising the composition of Claim 25.